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AMENDMENT

I. Introductory Remarks

This reply is in response to the Official Action mailed October 3, 2003. Claims 8-20 are currently pending in this application (claims 1-7 and 21-40 having been cancelled without prejudice pursuant to a restriction requirement). In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8-10.

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Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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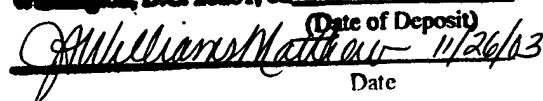
Respectfully,


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